NEW BIRDS IN THE PHILATELIC AVIARY

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Taxonomic Update

The 2010 update to our Clements taxonomy was released in late December. Changes ranged from minor typos to a reshuffling of orders and families. Changes that affect stamps are summarized below:

Five orders are new: Phaethontiformes (tropicbirds), Suliformes (frigatebirds, gannets & boobies, cormorants, pelicans and anhingas) Accipitriformes (hawks & eagles, Secretarybird and Osprey), Eurypgiformes (Sunbittern and Kagu) and Otidiformes (bustards). A new family, Calcariidae, includes the longspurs and McKay's Bunting and Snow Bunting, and an old family, Zosteropidae, is resuscitated.

Green Pygmy-goose becomes Green Pygmy-Goose
Cotton Pygmy-goose becomes Cotton Pygmy-Goose
African Pygmy-goose becomes African Pygmy-Goose
Common Scoter (Antigua & Barbuda, Jersey and Zaire) has been split from Black Scoter (2002-3 Federal Duck Stamp and Gambia)

Dove Prion becomes Antarctic Prion
Greater Shearwater becomes Great Shearwater
Abbot's Booby, ***Papasula abbotti***

Darter is split into three species: Australasian Darter, ***Anhinga novaehollandiae*** is on a stamp from Nicaragua; all the African issues are African Darter, ***Anhinga rufa.***
Eurasian Buzzard becomes Common Buzzard
Rufous-bellied Eagle, ***Lophotriochis kienerii***
Beach Thick-knee, ***Esacus magnirostris***
Crested Pigeon, ***Ocyphaps lophotes***
Pink Cockatoo, ***Lophochroa leadbeateri***
Adelaide Rosella is lumped with Crimson rosella and becomes ***Platycercus elegans adelaidae***
Alexandra's Parrot becomes Princess Parrot
Hodgson's Hawk-Cuckoo, ***Hierococcyx nicicolor***
Greater Sooty-owl becomes Sooty Owl
Morepork is lumped with Southern Boobook and becomes ***Ninox boobook novaseelandiae***
Violaceous Trogon is split into three species, only one of which is on stamps: Gartered Trogon, ***Trogon caligatus,*** is on stamps from Bequia and Guatemala. The species on Paraguay, 1983, 8352, 2g (Handbook 106-1, page 30) is a Green-backed Trogon, ***Trogon viridis***; stamps labeled White-tailed Trogon (Colombia, Guyana, Peru and Netherlands Antilles) are also this species.
Blue-crowned Motmot has been split into five species, all of which are on stamps:
Blue crowned Motmot, ***Momotus coeruliceps*** on stamps from Belize, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guyana, Liberia and Nicaragua (1991 and 2000)
Whooping Motmot, ***Momotus subrufescens*** on stamps from Mali (1995, 100 francs) and Nicaragua (1992).
Andean Motmot, ***Momotus aequitorialis*** on stamps from Ecuador (1966) and Peru.
Amazonian Motmot, ***Momotus momota*** on stamps from Bhutan, Bolivia, Congo, Ecuador (2010) and Mali (1995, 50 francs).
Trinidad Motmot, ***Momotus bahamensis*** on a stamp from Trinidad and Tobago.
Azure Kingfisher, ***Ceyx azurea***

Little Kingfisher, ***Ceyx pusilla***
Malachite Kingfisher, ***Corythornis cristatus***
Malagasy Kingfisher, ***Corythornis vintsioides***
White-bellied Kingfisher, ***Corythiornis leucogaster***
Black-browed Barbet becomes Taiwan Barbet (split)
White-shouldered Triller becomes White-winged Triller
Elepaio becomes Hawaii Elepaio
Spectacled Monarch, ***Symposiachrus trivirgatus***
Trumpet Manucode, ***Phonygammus keraudrenii***
Pacific Robin, ***Petroica multicolor*** (all non-Australian issues) has been split from Scarlet Robin, ***Petroica boodang*** (Australian issues)
Yellow Robin becomes Eastern Yellow Robin
Plain-tailed Wren, ***Pheugopedius euophrys***
Speckled-breasted Wren, ***Pheugopedius sclateri***
Winter Wren is split into three species: Winter Wren, ***Troglodytes hiemalis*** (not on stamps), Pacific Wren, ***Troglodytes pacificus*** on US, 2000, Pacific Coast Rain Forest issue and Eurasian Wren, ***Troglodytes troglodytes*** (all other issues)
Forest Thrush, ***Turdus lherminieri***
Hwamei becomes Chinese Hwamei
Bridled White-eye becomes Rota White-eye, ***Zosterops rotensis***
Bonin Honeyeater becomes Bonin White-eye, ***Apalopteron familiar***
Charles Mockingbird becomes Floreana Mockingbird
Blue-winged Warbler, ***Vermivora cyanoptera***
Golden-winged Warbler, ***Oreothlypis chrysopterus***
Nashville Warbler, ***Oreothlypis ruficapilla***
Louisiana Waterthrush, ***Parkesia motacilla***
Common Bush-Tanager is moved to Family Emberizidae
Bachman's Sparrow, ***Pucasea aestivalis***
Bahama Oriole is now a full species, ***Icterus northropi*** (BP 59 #1)
Chestnut-eared Finch is lumped with Zebra Finch and becomes ***Temniopygia guttata castanotis***
Goudian Finch, ***Erythrura gouldiae***
Java Sparrow, ***Lonchura fuscata***

New Species

To facilitate timely reporting, published illustrations are used that do not reflect the actual size of the stamps.

Some subspecies have been identified:

NORTH ISLAND KOKAKO, *Callaeas cinereus wilsoni*
New Zealand, 1985, 931, $1

NORTH ISLAND SADDLEBACK, *Philasternus carunculatus rufusater*
New Zealand, 1986, 962, $4

SOUTH ISLAND SADDLEBACK, *Philasturnus carunculatus carunculatus*
New Zealand, 1962,387, 3d

GIANT FIJI MEGAPODE, ***Megavitiornis altirostris*** Megapodiidae
Fiji, 2006, 1103 First Day Cover

The rendition of this extinct megapode is by George Bennett.
Habitat: near volcanoes.
Range: Formerly Viti Levu, Fiji.
Reference: Worthy, T. J.. Journal of the Royal Society of New Zealand, **30,** Issue 4, 2000.

PIN-TAILED SNIPE, ***Gallinago stenura*** Scolopacidae
Misidentified on the stamp.
Comoros, 2010, not yet cataloged, 350 francs

Length: 10 to 11 inches, sexes alike, migratory. Brown above with striped head, spotted breast and sides and pale belly.
Habitat: breeds in bireall wetlands; winters in wetlands.
Range: Breeds in Siberia; winters from India to Taiwan, Indonesia and the Philippines.
Reference: del Hoyo, J., A. Elliott and J. Sargatal, Eds. Handbook of the Birds of the World, Volume 3.

BONIN PIGEON, *Columba versicolor* Columbidae
Japan, 2011, not yet cataloged, 50 yen

Length: 16 inches, sexes alike, extinct since 1889. Metallic golden purple above, paler below.
Habitat: forest.
Range: Formerly Bonin Islands, Japan.
Reference: Day, D. Vanished Species.

RAMERON PIGEON, *Columba arquatrix* Columbidae
Mozambique, 2010, not yet cataloged, 20 mt
Length: 15 to 16 inches, sexes alike, resident. Purplish with a speckled breast and bright yellow feet and bill.
Habitat: canopy in evergreen forest.
Range: Ethiopia to Cape of Good Hope and Angola.
Reference: del Hoyo, J., A. Elliott and J. Sargatal, Eds. Handbook of the Birds of the World, Volume 4.

GARTERED TROGON, *Trogon caligatus* Trogonidae
Bequia, 2003, 325, $1

Length: 9 to 10 inches, resident. The male (shown on the stamp) is green above and yellow below with a violet-blue head to mid-breast and gray wings; the female is gray with a yellow belly.
Habitat: second-growth woodlands and clearings.
Range: Northeastern Panama to western Venezuela.
Reference: del Hoyo, J., A. Elliott and J. Sargatal, Eds. Handbook of the Birds of the World, Volume 6.

BLUE-CROWNED MOTMOT, *Momotus coereliceps* Momotidae
Belize, 1977, 389. 25 cents

Length: 15 to 18 inches, sexes alike, resident. Dull tawny back and below with an all blue crown.
Habitat: forest and clearings.
Range: Northeastern Mexico to northwestern Colombia.
Reference: del Hoyo, J., A. Elliott and J. Sargatal, Eds. Handbook of the Birds of the World, Volume 6.

WHOOPING MOTMOT, *Momotus subrufescens*
Momotidae
Colombia, 1985, C752, 55 pesos

Length; 15 to 17 inches, sexes alike, resident. Green above and rufous below and nape with a black-centered turquoise crown.
Habitat: forest and clearings.
Range: Caribbean coast of Colombia and Venezuela.
Reference: del Hoyo, J., A. Elliott and J. Sargatal, Eds. Handbook of the Birds of the World, Volume 6.

ANDEAN MOTMOT, *Momotus aequatorialis*
Momotidae
Ecuador, 1966, 749, 50 centavos

Length: 19 inches, sexes alike, resident. Grass-green above and olive-green below with a black centered turquoise crown and gray legs and feet.
Habitat: montane forest.
Range: Western Colombia to northern Bolivia.
Reference: del Hoyo, J., A. Elliott and J. Sargatal, Eds. Handbook of the Birds of the World, Volume 6.

AMAZONIAN MOTMOT, *Momotus momota* Momotidae
Mali, 1995, 716b, 50 francs

Length: 16 to 18 inches, sexes alike, resident. Green above and light olive-green below with a black crown surrounded by turquoise in front and violet-blue behind.
Habitat: forest and clearings.
Range: Southern Venrzuela to northeastern Argentina.
Reference: del Hoyo, J., A. Elliott and J. Sargatal, Eds. Handbook of the Birds of the World, Volume 6.

TRINIDAD MOTMOT, *Momotus bahamensis*
Momotidae
Trinidad & Tobago, 2003, 677b, $1

Length: 18 inches, sexes alike, resident. Green above and rufous below with a short black breast streak.
Habitat: heavily shaded forest on Trinidad; open areas on Tobago.
Range: Trinidad and Tobago.
Reference: del Hoyo, J., A. Elliott and J. Sargatal, Eds. Handbook of the Birds of the World, Volume 6.

ASH –BREASTED TIT-TYRANT, *Anairetes alpinus* Tyrannidae
Bolivia, 2010, not yet cataloged, 3.50 bolivars

Length: 5 inches, sexes alike, resident. Gray with a bifurcated crest and two white wingbars.
Habitat: semi-humid montane woodlands.
Range; Northwestern Peru, southeastern Peru and northwestern Bolivia.
Reference: del Hoyo, J., A. Elliott and J. Sargatal, Eds. Handbook of the Birds of the World, Volume 9.

PIED WATER TYRANT, *Fluvicola pica* Tyrannidae
Colombia, 2010, 1236d, 2000 pesos

Length: 5 inches, sexes similar resident. White with black wings, nape, upper back and tail.
Habitat: freshwater marshes, ponds and lakes.
Range: Eastern Panama to Trinidad and northern Brazil.
Reference: del Hoyo, J., A. Elliott and J. Sargatal, Eds. Handbook of the Birds of the World, Volume 9.

PACIFIC WREN, *Troglodytes pacificus* Troglodytidae
United States, 2000. 3378a, 33 cents

Length: 4 inches, sexes alike, mostly resident but some Canadian birds move south.for the winter. Warm brown above and buff brown below with flank stripes.
Habitat: coniferous forests.
Range: Aleutians to California and western Montana.
Reference: del Hoyo, J., A. Elliott and J. Sargatal, Eds. Handbook of the Birds of the World, Volume 10.